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¶1. (SBU) In conversation with our DATT on September 30, Rwanda Defense Force (RDF) J4 General Patrick Nyamvumba said the UN Pre-Deployment Visit (PDV) team noted in reftel will now arrive on October 8 for a three day final assessment of Rwanda's readiness to deploy to Darfur (other PDVs may be conducted by UN personnel in the coming months). Of the 78 APCs ordered from China (vice 58 in reftel), Nyamvumba said that 20 are due to arrive at the end of October, with the remaining APCs due to arrive in mid-December to mid-January. Trucks and medical gear on order from the Dutch are scheduled to arrive mid-October, said Nyamvumba. Nyamvumba has communicated weights and dimensions of all Darfur peacekeeping equipment to the requisite UN offices to assist in planning for possible airlift.

¶2. (SBU) DATT informally discussed with Nyamvumba the Rwandan requirements for airlift, and Nyamvumba shared with DATT the load list for such an effort. As in previous discussions with Mission personnel, Nyamvumba expressed his government's concern regarding delay and loss of equipment on land and sea routes to Darfur, should airlift of men and equipment directly to Darfur not be possible.
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